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REVIEW OF FUNCTIONING OF NIC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

:-

(a) the details of functions of National Informatics Centre (NIC);

(b) whether there is any proposal to modify/review/expand the functions of NIC;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): The major functions of National Informatics Centre are given below :

- Network backbone(NICNET) and e-Governance support to various organisations under the President of India or Governors of States including Government Ministries / Departments, attached and subordinate offices, semi-government organisations, public sector units, as well as autonomous societies, cooperatives and other organizations and also to the Parliament, Legislative Assemblies and Judiciary.

- Provision of network services including internet access, e-mail and web services.

- Technical support to Central Government Ministries/Departments and State Governments.

- Consultancy for IT applications.

- Assistance in the development of G2G applications.

- Development of G2C IT applications like passport, customs, land records etc.

- Technology assimilation, localization and its induction in e-Governance like mapping, geographical information system, computer aided design etc.

- Development of domain knowledge of various applications initiated by line Ministries/State Governments to provide continuity.

- Provide services, expertise and infrastructure including NICNET for supporting promotional activities/projects/programmes of national importance.

- Training in IT for officers/employees of Central Government and State Governments.

(b)&(c): The functions of NIC are reviewed periodically and appropriate modifications are made as considered necessary keeping in view the changing environment and needs.

(d) Does not arise.